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In re Application:

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For: (Amended) APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MULTIPLEXING INTRA-
PICTURE CODING STREAM AND INTRA/INTER-PICTURE CODING STREAM

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2002,
kindly amend the captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Please amend claims 1 and 7, as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for efficiently coding a
moving picture signal, comprising:

a main coding processor to selectively encode an input
moving picture signal by intra-picture coding or inter-picture
coding in unit of frame or field output a main bit stream;

a first buffer to temporarily store the output main bit
stream;

a subsidiary coding processor to encode motion-picture
signal portions in specific frames or fields carried by the input
moving picture signal by only intra-picture coding to output a

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